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TOWN OF SIMSBURY - BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 26, 2012

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held in the Main Meeting Room of the Simsbury Town Offices. Present were: First Selectman Mary Glassman; Board members Sean Askham, Lisa Heavner, John Hampton, Moira Wertheimer and Nancy Haase. Others in attendance included Ed LaMontagne, Tom Roy, Mary Ann Harris, Tom Cooke and other interested parties.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS

Simsbury Garden Club donation of funds to repair the gazebo at Schultz Park

Janet Fischer from the Simsbury Garden Club said through a collaboration of the Town, Simsbury Beautification Committee, Town residents and organizations a community park on Hopmeadow Street was planned and established between 1972 and 1975. She said members of the Simsbury Garden Club have been active in the upkeep of the Anne E. Schultz Memorial Park, better known as, Schultz Park.

The Simsbury Garden Club is giving the Town a gift of \$1,600 to be used for replacing the decorated bracing and posts and for repairs to the roof of the gazebo in Schultz Park. They would recommend that a coat of new paint that is needed be done by volunteers. She would be happy to coordinate the painting project if needed.

Ms. Glassman thanked the Garden Club and Beautification Committee volunteers for all of their time and help.

FEMA update on storms Irene and Alfred - Tom Roy, Director of Public Works

Ms. Glassman said Mr. Roy has been coordinating clean up and grant applications for these storms.

Mr. Roy said the total value of work, including labor, materials, equipment and contracted services, submitted to FEMA is \$57,237. He said FEMA should reimburse the Town for \$42,927, with an amount of \$39,684 already received. He gave the breakdowns of different departments.

Mr. Roy said the preliminary submission to FEMA for storm Alfred is approximately \$4.02 million. He said FEMA reimbursement is limited to 75% of all eligible costs. Mr. Roy said the State, through the Connecticut Department of Transportation, was granted Federal Highway Administration disaster funding in January 2012. As a result, FEMA may not reimburse the Town for work on FHWA roadways; these roadways represent 18.7% of the Town's 164 roadway miles. This would result in a reduction of our FEMA grant payment to \$442,192.

Mr. Roy said the Town has submitted a preliminary grant request through the DOT for FHWA funding for debris collection. The FHWA program allows for 100% of the costs for the collection of debris from FHWA roadways and could allow the Town to collect up to \$600,000+/- for this work.

There will be work on an updated/new Emergency Procedure/Policy Manual in case of future disasters. All Towns worked well together through both emergencies.

Autism Speaks Connecticut

Shannon Knall, CT Advocacy Chairperson for Autism Speaks CT and Lauren Joyce, Area Director attended the meeting to voice their concerns about how Autism affects communities. Ms. Joyce thanked the Town for using the "blue light" at Eno Memorial Hall for the month of April which will help with the awareness of Autism.

Ms. Heavner read the following proclamation:

"PROCLAMATION - AUTISM AWARENESS

WHEREAS, Autism is a complex neurobiological disorder that typically lasts throughout a person's lifetime. It is part of a group of disorders known as autism spectrum disorders (ASD), and;

WHEREAS, 1 in 110 children is diagnosed with autism; 1 in 67 boys is on the autism spectrum and 62 children are diagnosed per day, a new case is

diagnosed almost every 20 minutes and;

WHEREAS, more children will be diagnosed with autism this year than with AIDS, diabetes and cancer combined; and,

WHEREAS, 1 in 88 military families will have a child who is diagnosed with autism; and

WHEREAS, autism is the fastest-growing serious developmental disability in the United States, costing the nation over \$100 billion per year, a figure expected to double in the next decade. Despite these statistics, Autism remains the most under-funded childhood disorder in the country; and

WHEREAS, there is no medical detection or cure for autism.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE KNOWN, that the Town of Simsbury joins with Autism Speaks

in designating the month of April 2012 as Autism Awareness Month to enhance the understanding of Autism and to encourage participation in voluntary activities to support education programs and the funding of research programs to find a cure. The Town of Simsbury will participate by placing a blue light at Eno Memorial Hall for the month of April.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have placed my seal and the great seal of the Town of Simsbury.

Dated the 26th day of March, 2012
Mary A. Glassman, First Selectman"

PUBLIC AUDIENCE

Joan Coe, 26 Whitcomb Drive spoke about the news that The Hartford was going to be divided up. She asked how the Town has positioned itself when this happens or if they leave Town totally as over 44% of the employees are Simsbury residents.

Ms. Coe also spoke again about the Charter Revision Commission and a Town Manager. She is asking again for a change in the Charter for a professional director.

Robert Kalechman, 781 Hopmeadow Street, said he attended the 2008 Charter Revision Commission meeting as well as some of the recent meetings. He asked why the Constables are being omitted and why there is only one Marshall for tax warrants.

Mr. Kalechman also spoke about the Veterans in Town and if the Town could

hire them to work here. He also spoke again about the tribute to Sgt. DelGrecco who was killed in Iraq.

Mr. Kalechman also spoke about the increase in taxes and asked what the Town is going to do with it. He feels sidewalks and lights are needed in Town, not other "special interest" things.

Sue Bednarczyk, 119 E. Weatogue thanked the Garden Club for giving the donation for the Schultz gazebo repairs. She also thanks the kids for loving trees at Owens Brook as they brought this to the attention to the public. We should be burying the power lines for safety and to save the trees.

Ms. Bednarczyk spoke about the map for Dorset Crossing and would like this issue looked in to further for signatures and other issues. She will also keep looking into issues there.

Father Michael White and Karen Carew of St. Catherine of Siena Roman Catholic Church said, through fund raising efforts they raised \$25,000 for the Pantry Partners and the balance of \$1,000 of S&S gift cards for the residents also. Ms. Glassman thanked them for their generous gift.

FIRST SELECTMAN'S REPORT

Ms. Glassman reminded everyone that the Board of Finance will hold two public hearings at the Simsbury High School, beginning at 7:00 p.m. for the Capital Improvement Plan and then the Town and Board of Education operating budgets. Following the hearings, the Board of Selectmen will hold a special meeting to approve budgets as approved, the legal language for the annual meeting, to approve the Town meeting, and the referendum on May 15th. All of the information will be on the website: www.simsbury-ct.gov.

Ms. Glassman said the street sweeping has started. This is to meet the requirements of our CT DEEP storm water discharge permit that requires the Town to sweep every street in Town at least one time per year.

Ms. Glassman announced that on April 9th the Town will take the time to remember the 70th anniversary of the Bataan Death March recalling the surrender of the Philippines by the U.S. to Japan during World War II. There will be a ceremony at the Library from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. in the Program Room. Information is forthcoming

SELECTMEN ACTIONS

a) Accept a financial donation in the amount of \$1,600 from the Simsbury

Garden Club for repairs to the gazebo at Schultz Park

Ms. Wertheimer made motion to accept a donation of \$1,600 from the Simsbury Garden Club for repairs to the gazebo at Schultz Park. Ms. Haase seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

b) Accept a financial donation in the amount of \$3,600 from St. Catherine of Siena Roman Catholic Church in the form of gift cards to CVS Pharmacy and Fitzgerald's Food Store to assist the needy residents of Simsbury with food and medical needs

Mr. Hampton made motion to accept the donation of \$3,600 from St. Catherine of Siena Roman Catholic Church in the form of gift cards to assist the needy residents of Simsbury with food and medical needs. Ms. Heavner seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

c) Action on 2012-2013 Capital Improvement Plan (projects reduced by the Board of Finance)

Mr. Askham made motion to ask the Board of Finance to go back to the original prioritization, restoring the \$148,000 as proposed for the Greenway and the additional capacity in the 2013 debt service budget utilized for the emergency generator operations as prioritized by Rich Sawitzke. Mr. Hampton seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

d) Approve Tax Refunds

Ms. Heavner made motion to approve tax refunds in the amount of \$1,201.67 as requested and approved by the Tax Collector. Mr. Askham seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

e) Approve the request of the Aging and Disability Commission to designate the month of June, 2012 as Handicapped Parking Awareness Month

Mr. Hampton made motion to approve the request of the Aging and Disability Commission to designate the month of June, 2012 as Handicapped Parking Awareness Month. Ms. Wertheimer seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

f) Approve the use of the Town Hall parking lot for Linda Schofield's Litter Lugging Day on April 21, 2012 with a rain date of April 22, 2012

Ms. Haase made motion to approve the use of the Town Hall parking lot for Linda Schofield's Litter Lugging Day on April 21, 2012 with a rain date of April 22, 2012. Mr. Askham seconded the motion. All were in favor and the

motion passed.

g) Approve the use of Iron Horse Boulevard for the 2012 Walk MS event on April 22, 2012

Mr. Hampton made motion to approve the contract and grant permission for the 2012 Walk MS event to use the streets of downtown Simsbury and the following rest stop locations: 1) the Boundless Playground at Rotary Park on Iron Horse Boulevard; 2) the Senior Center grounds at Eno Memorial Hall; and 3) the grassy area on Iron Horse Boulevard at the corner of Rte. 10 and Iron Horse across from the Simsbury Bank. Mr. Askham seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

h) Approval of proposed location of Bike Sculpture on Town property

Ms. Haase made motion to approve the proposed placement of the Vicente Garcia bicycle sculpture on Town property located at the intersection of Winslow Place and Hopmeadow Street pending review of the Design Review Board. Ms. Heavner seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

I) Approve the request of the Tariffville Village Association submitted by Frank Haviland to hold the following events at the Tariffville Gorge:

- * The 4th Annual Whitewater Triple Crown New England Championships the

- weekend of April 27-29, 2012

- * The North American Junior Olympics Festival - East from June 16-24, 2012

- * The Tariffville Slalom Race to be held on June 23-24, 2012

Mr. Hampton made motion to approve the requests from the Tariffville Village Association, submitted by Frank Haviland to hold the following events at the Tariffville Gorge: 4th Annual Whitewater Triple Crown New England Championships the weekend of April 27-29th, 2012; the North American Junior Olympics Festival East from June 16-24, 2012 and the Tariffville Slalom Race on June 23-24, 2012. Ms. Haase seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

a) Accept the resignation of Eva Hausman (D) as a full member of the Human Relations Commission effective March 15, 2012

Ms. Heavner made motion to accept the resignation of Eva Hausman as a full member of the Human Relations Commission effective March 15, 2012 with our

thanks. Ms. Wertheimer seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

b) Accept the resignation of Elizabeth Melvin (D) as a full member of the Recycling Committee effective February 27, 2012

Mr. Hampton made motion to accept the resignation of Elizabeth Melvin as a full member of the Recycling Committee effective February 27, 2012 with regrets and thanks. Ms. Haase seconded the motion. All were in favor, with Ms. Glassman and Ms. Heavner abstaining. Therefore, the motion passed.

OTHER BUSINESS

Announcement of Farmington Valley Trails Council annual Trail Wide Clean Up Day on April 16, 2012

Ms. Glassman announced that the Farmington Valley Trails Council annual Trails Wide Clean up Day will be held on Sunday, April 15, 2012

Update on status of Senior Tax Relief Initiative

Ms. Wertheimer made motion to approve the Elderly and Disabled Tax Relief Alternative 2 approved by the Board of Finance on February 28, 2012. This is to be sent to Town Counsel to draft the ordinance. Mr. Hampton seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Consideration of new Building Permit Fees

After some discussion, it was agreed that there should be a staff analysis of fees to include surrounding towns. This issue will be discussed at a future meeting.

Bus Shelter

Mr. Roy advised the Board that there will be a new bus shelter placed at the commuter lot at Winslow Place by CT Transit. This shelter is on State property so it will not be required to go through Planning and Zoning.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

a) Budget Workshop February 27, 2012

Mr. Askham made motion to approve the minutes of the Budget Workshop February 27, 2012. Ms. Wertheimer seconded the motion with a correction on

page 4, 5th paragraph. All were in favor and the motion passed.

b) Regular Meeting February 27, 2012

Ms. Haase made motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of February 27, 2012. Ms. Wertheimer seconded the motion. It was noted that Mr. Toner did represent his plan on the CNR on time. All were in favor and the motion passed.

c) Budget Workshop February 28, 2012

Mr. Hampton made motion to table approving the minutes of the Budget Workshop of February 28, 2012 until completion. Ms. Heavner seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

d) Budget Workshop March 1, 2012

Ms. Wertheimer made motion to approve the Budget Workshop minutes of March 1, 2012. Mr. Hampton seconded the motion with correction on pages 4 & 5. All were in favor and the motion passed.

e) Budget Workshop March 6, 2012

Mr. Hampton made motion to approve the minutes of the Budget Workshop for March 6, 2012. Mr. Askham seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

f) Special Meeting March 13, 2012

Ms. Haase made motion to approve the minutes of the Board of Selectmen Special Meeting of March 13, 2012. Ms. Heavner seconded the motion with a correction on paragraph 5. All were in favor and the motion passed.

SELECTMEN LIAISON AND SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Personnel -

a) Consideration and possible approval of revised job description for the Department of Finance

Ms. Heavner made motion to approve the job description for T-6 Finance Specialist (replacing the job description for T-6 Accounts Clerk/Secretary as presented. Mr. Hampton seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

b) Consideration and possible approval of recommended adjustments to non-union management staff compensation for FY 2013

Ms. Haase made motion to approve the job description for A-0 Accountant (replacing the job description for T-5 Accounts Payable Clerk) as presented. Mr. Hampton seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Mr. Hampton made motion to approve the Personnel Sub-Committee recommendations salary adjustments proposed in the attached FY 2013 Compensation Review as follows:

Chief of Police Peter N. Ingvertsen	\$115,520	\$4,043
3.5% \$119,563		
Town Engineer Richard L. Sawitzke	\$106,619	\$2,132
2.0% \$108,751		
Culture, Parks & Rec. Gerard G. Toner	\$105,563	\$2,111
2.0% \$107,674		
Dir. Comm. Dev. Hiram W. Peck, III	\$104,518	\$2,090
2.0% \$106,608		
Library Director Susan M. Bullock	\$ 96,628	\$1,933
2.0% \$ 98,561		
Exec. Asst. to FS Susan B. Mazurski	\$ 56,397	\$1,974
3.5% \$ 58,371		

Ms. Wertheimer seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

2. Finance - no report at this time
3. Welfare - no report at this time
4. Public Safety - no report at this time
5. Board of Education - Ms. Heavner advised that she was at a Senior Center event last Wednesday. She thanked the Board of Education for looking out for the seniors and said there will be another activity night at the High School.

Mr. Askham made motion to allow extra time for Public Audience. Ms. Wertheimer seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Ms. Coe said that since Linda Schofield won't be running for State Representative again she feels that good family value candidates are needed for this position.

Ms. Coe said the Town designated June 2012 handicapped parking month. She showed pictures of 730 Hopmeadow Street, which appears to have violations

to the building. There is no handicapped parking in this lot.

Mr. Kalechman said the will of Eno was to keep the Farm for the poor.

Mr. Kalechman said taxes are going up due to the Ethel Walker property. It is a very bad time to raise taxes.

ADJOURN

Ms. Haase made motion to adjourn at 9:37 p.m. Ms. Wertheimer seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary A. Glassman, First Selectman